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SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION UNFPA POSITION RE MEXICO ASSISTANCE.

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- 1. DR. HECTOR GOGLIO, UNFPA REPRESENTATIVE IN MEXICO HAS JUST CALLED TO CLARIFY UNFPA POSITION RE CONTINUED ASSISTANCE TO MEXICO.
- 2. BECAUSE OF HIGH COST PER ACCEPTOR OF FEPAC PROGRAM, ITS LACK OF AGGRESSIVENESS, AND ITS DUPLICATION WITH GOVERNMENT PROGRAM, UNFPA WILL NOT PROVIDE CONTINUED FUNDING AFTER 1977. UNFPA HAS URGED GOM TO TAKE OVER FEPAC CLINICS, AND WILL PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THAT PURPOSE.
- 3. IT IS TRUE THAT MEXICO IS NO LONGER A PRIORITY COUNTRY FOR UNFPA. THIS HOWEVER, DOES NOT MEAN THAT CONTINUED FUNDING WAY NOT BE AVAILABLE. THERE ARE CURRENTLY TWO LOCAL UNFPA OBJECTIVES: A. TO OBTAIN FUNDING FOR 1978 PROJECTS, AND B. TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GOM FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONTINUED ASSISTANCE.

4. CURRENTLY UNFPA IS FUNDING SPECIFIC PROJECTS. THEY PLAN TO CONTINUE FUNDING ACTIVITIES IN MEXICO, ACCORDING TO GOGLIO, BUT THEY BELIEVE THE WAY TO DO THIS IS THROUGH AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GOM FOR ASSISTANCE TO CERTAIN AREAS AND FOR A SPECIFIC TIME PERIOD. DISCUSSIONS FOR

THE PREPARATION OF THIS AGREEMENT HAVE BEGUN, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE BEHIND SCHEDULE. DR. GOGLIO EXPECTS THAT AN AGREEMENT FOR CONTINUED UNFPA FUNDING WILL BE SIGNED EVENTUALLY.

5. IN SPITE OF REMDVING MEXICO FROM LIST OF PRIORITY COUNTRIES, UNFPA, ACCORDING TO GOGLIO IS NOT PLANNING TO WITHDRAW SUPPORT AS HAD BEEN REPORTED TO POPOFF BY GOM. IN ORDER TO AVOID POSSIBILITIES GOM PLAYING ONE INTERNATIONAL GROUP AGAINST ANOTHER, REGULAR MEETINGS WILL BE HELD WITH PRINCIPAL INTERNATIONAL DONORS. THIS SHOULD ALSO RESULT IN MORE ACCURATE FUTURE ASSESSMENTS OF DONOR INTENTIONS. THOMPSON

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